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- 1. ON 26 JUNE 1978, PETER CHANG OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, MOFA, CALLED EMBOFF TO SAY THAT HIS OFFICE WAS DRAFTING AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO OUR AIDE MEMOIRE OF 8 JUNE AND THAT GROC WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT OUR TERMS FOR SAFEGUARDING THE TRR AS DESCRIBED IN THAT AIDE MEMOIRE. CHANG WENT ON TO SAY THAT GROC WAS ALSO PREPARED TO ACCEPT ALL COSTS OF PREPARING, PACKING, AND TRANSPORTING NUCLEAR SPENT FUEL FROM THE TRR AS DESCRIBED IN OUR AIDE MEMOIRE OF 24 APRIL.
- 2. BECAUSE OF THE URGENCY OF GETTING THIS OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO OUR GOVERNMENT, CHANG SAID THAT MOFA HAD ALREADY NOTIFIED ROC EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON REGARDING GROC ACCEPTANCE OF THESE CONDITIONS AND HAD INSTRUCTED EMBASSY TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY WITH THIS INFORMATION. DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ALREADY HEARD FROM ROC EMBASSY OFFICIALS ON THIS MATTER.
- 3. CHANG INDICATED THAT WHILE IT MIGHT TAKE A FEW DAYS TO SECRET

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PREPARE AN AIDE MEMOIRE RESPONDING TO OUR CONDITIONS, WE WERE TO CONSIDER OUR PROPOSALS "OFFICIALLY" ACCEPTED BY GROC SECRET

AT THIS TIME. ON THIS BASIS WE SEE NO REASON WHY THE EQUIPMENT MENTIONED IN REFTELS CANNOT BE SHIPPED ON 26-27 JUNE, NOR CAN WE SEE ANY REASON WHY THE SAFEGUARDS VISIT

CANNOT NOW TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED. UNGER

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